

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) An acoustic projector comprising an even number of longitudinally joined cylindrical shell segments and an even number of spaced drivers mounted within each of said shell segments wherein each of the drivers is in a longitudinal spaced relationship from the adjacent driver.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Previously presented) The acoustic projector defined in claim 7 wherein each of the shell segments is formed of an epoxy graphite material.
10. (Previously presented) The acoustic projector defined in claim 7 wherein the combined longitudinal length of the drivers in each of the shell segments is between 70% and 90% of the longitudinal length of the shell segment.
11. (Previously presented) The acoustic projector defined in claim 7 wherein each of the shell segments is formed with a longitudinal slot.
12. (Previously presented) The acoustic projector defined in claim 11 wherein arcuate segments of material are mounted within the interior of the shell segments and extend along opposite sides of the slots.
13. (Original) The acoustic projector defined in claim 12 when the arcuate segments are formed of a dielectric material.

14. (Previously presented) The acoustic projector defined in claim 12 wherein the drivers are arcuate shaped members and are retained in their respective shell segment by the arcuate shaped segments.
15. (Previously presented) The acoustic projector defined in claim 7 including a metal liner extending longitudinal along and mounted between the interior of the shell segments and the spaced drivers and electrically insulated from the drivers to provide structural reinforcement to the projector.
16. (New) The acoustic projector defined in claim 7 wherein two shell segments are longitudinally joined with each of the shell segments containing two longitudinally spaced drivers.